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CEASE AND DESIST ON OUTDOOR BURNING

Due to the significant amount of debris present as result of Hurricane Isaac and the possible threat to life and property from the burning of the debris, State Fire Marshal, H. Butch Browning has issued a cease and desist order for all private burning, pursuant to authority under R.S. 40:1602. Private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the local fire department or local government.

At the request of the following parishes; this order is effective as of 1900 Hours, September 3, 2012, and shall remain in effect for St. John the Baptist Parish and Plaquemines Parish until rescinded.

This ban shall not apply to prescribed burns by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, by those trained and certified by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or by those who conduct prescribed burning as a “generally accepted agriculture practice” as defined by the Louisiana Right to Farm Law (R.S. 3:3601 et seq.).

Violation of this order could result in civil penalties.

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